2013 St. Joseph County Property Tax Report with Comparison to 2012

Legislative Services Agency

The total tax bill for all taxpayers in St. Joseph County

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his report describes property tax changes in St. Joseph County between 2012 and 2013.

Property tax changes in 2013 were affected most by local factors, such as changes in assessed values, deductions, levies, credits, and tax rates. However, three statewide trends affected a large number of counties.

- First, pay-2013 was a statewide reassessment year. In past reassessments there were double-digit percentage increases in assessed values, but this time assessments were almost unchanged statewide. The difference was trending, which has been adjusting assessments annually since 2007. Few counties experienced large assessment increases in 2013. Many experienced assessment decreases.
- Second, farmland assessments continued to rise, with the base rate of an acre increasing 8.7% from \$1,500 to \$1,630. High commodity prices and low interest rates were the reason. Rising farmland assessments were especially important in rural counties, where farmland is a larger part of total assessed value.
- Third, many local income tax credit rates increased substantially. This was due to a corrected distribution of local income tax revenues to local governments. Extra income tax revenue was applied to tax credits in 2013. This may mean that credit rates will fall (and tax bills will rise) in 2014.

Still, local factors were most influential in individual counties in 2013. Here is what affected taxes in St. Joseph County.

	Average Change in Tax Bill, All Property	Total Levy, All Units	Certified Net Assessed Value	Tax Cap Credits % of Levy
2013	-1.0%	\$290,447,916	\$7,671,151,787	18.9%
Change		3.6%	-4.1%	
2012	0.7%	\$280,263,404	\$7,999,877,168	15.4%

decreased by 1.0% in 2013. The main reason was an		Number of	% Share
increase in tax cap credits as a percent of the levy to 18.9%		Homesteads	of Total
in 2013 from 15.4% in 2012. This more than offset a 3.6%	Summary Change in Tax Bill		
increase in the total property tax levy. Certified net	Higher Tax Bill	37,306	52.9%
assessed value decreased 4.1% in this reassessment year.	No Change	1,661	2.4%
assessed value decreased 4.170 III tills reassessment year.	Lower Tax Bill	31,609	44.8%
St. Joseph County homeowners experienced a small 0.4%	Average Change in Tax Bill	0.4%	
increase in property tax bills in 2013. This was due to an			
• •	Detailed Change in Tax Bill		
increase in property tax rates which was offset by a decline in net assessed value and a rise in tax cap credits. Statewide, the average homeowner's tax bill was almost	20% or More	17,114	24.2%
	10% to 19%	7,361	10.4%
	1% to 9%	12,831	18.2%
unchanged.	-1% to 1%	1,661	2.4%
	-1% to -9%	14,135	20.0%
	-10% to -19%	8,955	12.7%
	-20% or More	8,519	12.1%

Total

Note: Percentages may not total due to rounding.

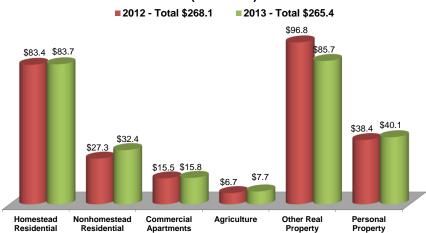
Comparable Homestead Property Tax Changes in St. Joseph County

2012 to 2013

70,576

100.0%

Comparison of Net Property Tax by Property Type (In Millions)



In St. Joseph County most net property taxes were paid by business (other real and personal) and homestead property owners in 2013. Total net property taxes decreased 1.0%, compared to an average 2.1% increase statewide. Nonhomestead residential property saw the biggest increase, while business real net taxes decreased by the largest percentage.

Property tax rates increased in 28 of 31 St. Joseph County tax districts in 2013. The average tax rate rose by 8.1%, because of a levy increase and a decrease in net assessed value. Statewide, the average tax rate increased by 4.2%.

The total levies of all government units in St. Joseph County increased by 3.6%, compared to a 3.7% statewide levy increase. Detailed levy changes for local governments in St. Joseph County are included in a later table.

Property Type	Gross AV Pay 2012	Gross AV Pay 2013	Gross AV Change	Net AV Pay 2012	Net AV Pay 2013	Net AV Change
Homesteads	\$8,574,160,121	\$8,296,245,060	-3.2%	\$3,499,565,810	\$3,278,681,140	-6.3%
Other Residential	1,689,314,450	1,893,731,510	12.1%	1,649,774,564	1,841,961,590	11.6%
Ag Business/Land	335,757,000	358,860,600	6.9%	331,013,052	354,958,612	7.2%
Business Real/Personal	5,469,138,257	5,188,194,262	-5.1%	4,118,448,278	3,795,669,438	-7.8%
Total	\$16,068,369,828	\$15,737,031,432	-2.1%	\$9,598,801,704	\$9,271,270,780	-3.4%

Net AV equals gross AV less deductions and exemptions. Certified net AV is set with the budget, certified by the county auditor and used to calculate tax rates. It may be adjusted by the auditor to account for appeals. Net AV in the above table is summed from tax bills. It includes TIF allocations while Certified net AV does not. Gross AV also is summed from tax bills. Circuit breaker tax caps are calculated on gross AV.

St. Joseph County's total billed net assessed value decreased by 3.4% in 2013. Declines in business real and personal property assessments and homestead assessments were the main reasons. Net assessed value for all of Indiana was nearly unchanged, rising by only 0.1%.

Tax Cap Category	2012	2013	Difference	% Change	
1%	\$9,453,904	\$11,057,565	\$1,603,662	17.0%	
2%	20,081,290	28,453,343	8,372,053	41.7%	
3%	3% 23,682,262		5,380,246	22.7%	
Elderly	58,836	88,895	30,059	51.1%	
Total \$53,276,2		\$68,662,311	\$15,386,019	28.9%	
% of Levy	15.4%	18.9%			

Total tax cap credits in St. Joseph County were \$68.7 million, which was 18.9% of the levy. This was one of the ten largest credit percentages in the state. The state average was 10.9%, but the median or typical county saw credits equal to 4.2% of its levy. Tax rates were the main determinant of tax cap credits. St. Joseph

County's average tax rate was higher than the statewide average rate. Most of the tax cap credits in St. Joseph County were in the 3% business real and personal property category and the 2% nonhomestead residential/farmland category. A later table shows tax cap credits by category for each local government unit.

Tax cap credits in St. Joseph County increased \$15,386,019 between 2012 and 2013. Credits as a share of the total levy rose from 15.4% in 2012 to 18.9% in 2013.

St. Joseph County Levy Comparison by Taxing Unit

						% Change			
						2009 -	2010 -	2011 -	2012 -
Taxing Unit	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
County Total	263,273,465	276,071,903	275,273,929	280,263,404	290,447,916	4.9%	-0.3%	1.8%	3.6%
St. Joseph County	47,852,324	49,372,784	44,137,786	49,695,236	51,634,523	3.2%	-10.6%	12.6%	3.9%
Centre Township	54,050	55,960	18,687	0	0	3.5%		-100.0%	
Clay Township	2,958,851	6,490,521	6,623,510	6,290,392	6,359,770	119.4%	2.0%	-5.0%	1.1%
German Township	110,177	75,737	194,894	145,744	169,615	-31.3%	157.3%	-25.2%	16.4%
Greene Township	35,493	36,843	37,584	309,990	365,709	3.8%	2.0%	724.8%	18.0%
Harris Township	1,148,895	1,160,216	83,092	0	0	1.0%	-92.8%	-100.0%	
Liberty Township	221,122	231,540	227,394	217,620	224,035	4.7%	-1.8%	-4.3%	2.9%
Lincoln Township	147,757	132,663	60,124	64,478	59,926	-10.2%	-54.7%	7.2%	-7.1%
Madison Township	102,146	105,731	108,245	108,697	114,366	3.5%	2.4%	0.4%	5.2%
Olive Township	257,077	264,058	270,366	277,244	285,197	2.7%	2.4%	2.5%	2.9%
Penn Township	1,789,143	1,557,947	1,946,715	1,751,987	2,733,452	-12.9%	25.0%	-10.0%	56.0%
Portage Township	2,974,664	2,606,978	2,748,390	1,517,905	1,649,979	-12.4%	5.4%	-44.8%	8.7%
Union Township	189,092	194,853	184,136	169,367	207,409	3.0%	-5.5%	-8.0%	22.5%
Warren Township	360,170	370,499	93,156	867,584	906,275	2.9%	-74.9%	831.3%	4.5%
South Bend Civil City	64,546,050	66,929,179	68,662,101	70,756,844	72,696,497	3.7%	2.6%	3.1%	2.7%
Mishawaka Civil City	23,019,485	24,171,640	24,823,084	25,375,486	25,374,431	5.0%	2.7%	2.2%	0.0%
Indian Village Civil Town	0	245	136	259	210		-44.5%	90.4%	-18.9%
Lakeville Civil Town	148,134	146,780	129,527	145,837	165,866	-0.9%	-11.8%	12.6%	13.7%
New Carlisle Civil Town	1,383,582	1,345,223	1,386,586	1,411,515	1,427,893	-2.8%	3.1%	1.8%	1.2%
North Liberty Civil Town	385,540	428,406	439,574	445,949	483,366	11.1%	2.6%	1.5%	8.4%
Osceola Civil Town	220,466	229,051	234,726	240,357	248,097	3.9%	2.5%	2.4%	3.2%
Roseland Civil Town	242,759	243,550	273,360	267,941	278,824	0.3%	12.2%	-2.0%	4.1%
Walkerton Civil Town	924,378	912,051	1,150,895	1,256,884	1,249,579	-1.3%	26.2%	9.2%	-0.6%
New Prairie United School Corp	2,851,045	3,081,276	3,176,542	2,852,912	3,034,612	8.1%	3.1%	-10.2%	6.4%
John Glenn School Corp	2,206,235	2,195,690	2,219,999	2,201,044	2,290,656	-0.5%	1.1%	-0.9%	4.1%
Penn-Harris-Madison-School Corp	26,721,039	27,442,465	25,332,159	26,197,479	26,054,145	2.7%	-7.7%	3.4%	-0.5%
Mishawaka City School Corp	7,977,878	10,130,499	9,999,568	9,081,393	9,080,967	27.0%	-1.3%	-9.2%	0.0%
South Bend Community School Corp	49,142,748	48,813,930	52,499,415	51,482,544	54,463,411	-0.7%	7.6%	-1.9%	5.8%
Union-North United School Corp	896,417	804,103	1,248,293	1,304,616	1,221,610	-10.3%	55.2%	4.5%	-6.4%
Mishawaka Public Library	4,221,955	4,847,711	4,451,686	4,568,671	4,650,428	14.8%	-8.2%	2.6%	1.8%
New Carlisle Public Library	1,028,517	1,027,770	928,433	373,301	1,333,904	-0.1%	-9.7%	-59.8%	257.3%
Walkerton Public Library	65,705	77,763	77,445	77,623	77,571	18.4%	-0.4%	0.2%	-0.1%
St. Joseph County Public Library	11,283,077	12,861,214	13,893,451	13,412,008	13,853,932	14.0%	8.0%	-3.5%	3.3%
St. Joseph Airport	2,967,130	2,878,535	2,416,836	2,471,962	2,531,480	-3.0%	-16.0%	2.3%	2.4%
South Bend Public Transportation	3,342,036	3,199,736	3,506,269	3,731,516	3,820,374	-4.3%	9.6%	6.4%	2.4%
South Bend Redevelopment Commission	1,498,328	1,648,756	1,689,765	1,191,019	1,399,807	10.0%	2.5%	-29.5%	17.5%
St. Joseph Solid Waste Management Dist	0	0	0	0	0				
Mishawaka Redevelopment Commission	0	0	0	0	0				
South Bend Redevelopement Commission	0	0	0	0	0				

St. Joseph County 2013 Tax Rates, Credit Rates, and Net Tax Rates for Homesteads by Taxing District

					Credit	Rates			
		•		COIT	CEDIT	CEDIT	LOIT	LOIT	Net Tax Rate,
Dist#	Taxing District	Tax Rate	LOIT PTRC	Homestead	Homestead	Residential	Homestead	Residential	Homesteads
71001	Centre Township	2.7168	6.9288%	6.8095%					2.3436
71002	South Bend-Centre	5.6530	6.9288%	6.8095%					4.8764
71003	ClayTownship	2.7125	6.9288%	6.8095%					2.3398
71004	South Bend-Clay	5.6653	6.9288%	6.8095%					4.8870
71005	Mishawaka-Clay	4.4032	6.9288%	6.8095%					3.7983
71006	Indian Village (Clay)	2.7189	6.9288%	6.8095%					2.3454
71007	Roseland (Clay)	3.4830	6.9288%	6.8095%					3.0045
71008	German Township	2.7907	6.9288%	6.8095%					2.4073
71009	South Bend-German	5.6659	6.9288%	6.8095%					4.8875
71010	Greene Township	2.6827	6.9288%	6.8095%					2.3141
71011	Harris Township	2.3240	6.9288%	6.8095%					2.0047
71014	Lincoln Township	2.1814	6.9288%	6.8095%					1.8817
71015	Walkerton (Lincoln)	3.4854	6.9288%	6.8095%					3.0066
71016	Madison Township	1.9314	6.9288%	6.8095%					1.6661
71017	Olive Township	2.5175	6.9288%	6.8095%					2.1716
71018	New Carlisle (Olive)	3.4282	6.9288%	6.8095%					2.9572
71022	Mishawaka(Penn)-PHM School	4.0471	6.9288%	6.8095%					3.4911
71023	Mishawaka-Penn	4.1989	6.9288%	6.8095%					3.6220
71025	Portage Township	2.7621	6.9288%	6.8095%					2.3826
71026	South Bend (Portage)	5.6983	6.9288%	6.8095%					4.9155
71027	Union Township	2.1174	6.9288%	6.8095%					1.8265
71028	Lakeville (Union)	2.9579	6.9288%	6.8095%					2.5515
71029	Warren Township	2.7589	6.9288%	6.8095%					2.3799
71030	Osceola (Penn)	2.4015	6.9288%	6.8095%					2.0716
71031	Penn Township-PHM School	2.3668	6.9288%	6.8095%					2.0416
71032	Penn-Mishawaka School	2.5186	6.9288%	6.8095%					2.1726
71033	South Bend-Penn	5.3092	6.9288%	6.8095%					4.5798
71034	Liberty Township	2.1904	6.9288%	6.8095%					1.8895
71035	North Liberty (Liberty)	3.5177	6.9288%	6.8095%					3.0344
71036	Mishawaka-Harris	4.0147	6.9288%	6.8095%					3.4631
71037	South Bend (Warren)	5.6938	6.9288%	6.8095%					4.9116

Notes: A Taxing District is a geographic area of a county where taxing units overlap, so the sum of the taxing unit tax rates is the total district rate.

The Tax Rate is the gross levy divided by net assessed value, in dollars per \$100 assessed value.

The LOIT, COIT, and CEDIT credits are funded by local income taxes.

The Net Tax Rate for Homesteads is calculated by reducing the tax rate by the various credit percentages.

St. Joseph County 2013 Circuit Breaker Cap Credits

	Circuit Breaker Credits by Property Type						
	(2%) (3%)						Circuit
	(1%)	Other Residential	All Other				Breaker as %
Taxing Unit Name	Homesteads	and Farmland	Real/Personal	Elderly	Total	Levy	of Levy
Non-TIF Total	10,817,301	23,269,560	17,699,988	84,586	51,871,435	290,447,916	17.9%
TIF Total	240,265	5,183,783	11,362,519	4,309	16,790,876	72,130,858	23.3% 18.9%
County Total St. Joseph County	11,057,565 1,479,349	28,453,343 3,205,296	29,062,507 2,295,237	88,895 14,681	68,662,311 6,994,563	362,578,774 51,634,523	13.5%
Centre Township	1,479,349	3,205,296	2,295,237	14,681	0,994,563	51,634,523	13.5%
Clay Township	18,504	12,528	2,267	1,133	34,433	6,359,770	0.5%
German Township	1,847	2,514	7,819	61	12,241	169,615	7.2%
Greene Township	108	0	0	7	115	365,709	0.0%
Harris Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Liberty Township	770	5,617	0	40	6,426	224,035	2.9%
Lincoln Township	139	1,918	0	24	2,081	59,926	3.5%
Madison Township	0	0	0	31	31	114,366	0.0%
Olive Township	151	608	0	48	808	285,197	0.3%
Penn Township	16,738	38,904	8,183	781	64,606	2,733,452	2.4%
Portage Township	49,712	134,930	102,027	515	287,184	1,649,979	17.4%
Union Township	343	2,965	0	163	3,472	207,409	1.7%
Warren Township South Bend Civil City	1,782 5,742,469	0 11,805,830	941 10,296,694	286	3,008 27,863,156	906,275 72,696,497	0.3% 38.3%
Mishawaka Civil City	5,742,469 748,246	2,054,501	573,342	18,164 12,185	3,388,274	25,374,431	38.3% 13.4%
Indian Village Civil Town	140,240	2,034,301	073,342	12,103	3,300,274	25,574,431	0.3%
Lakeville Civil Town	1,820	15,774	0	53	17,647	165,866	10.6%
New Carlisle Civil Town	3,626	14,568	0	436	18,629	1,427,893	1.3%
North Liberty Civil Town	5,719	41,744	0	84	47,547	483,366	9.8%
Osceola Civil Town	0	0	0	72	72	248,097	0.0%
Roseland Civil Town	185	19,411	0	0	19,596	278,824	7.0%
Walkerton Civil Town	3,922	54,050	0	480	58,452	1,249,579	4.7%
New Prairie United School Corp	2,020	8,116	0	678	10,814	3,034,612	0.4%
John Glenn School Corp	3,621	35,041	0	643	39,305	2,290,656	1.7%
Penn-Harris-Madison-School Corp	290,425	553,250	171,958	4,031	1,019,664	26,054,145	3.9%
Mishawaka City School Corp	94,174 1,453,971	333,891	37,846	7,327	473,238	9,080,967	5.2% 13.2%
South Bend Community School Corp Union-North United School Corp	1,455,971	2,992,450 16,367	2,715,262	13,868 960	7,175,551 19,222	54,463,411 1,221,610	1.6%
Mishawaka Public Library	69,090	165,413	36,988	1,441	272,932	4,650,428	5.9%
New Carlisle Public Library	953	3,830	0	298	5,081	1,333,904	0.4%
Walkerton Public Library	180	2,482	0	31	2,694	77,571	3.5%
St. Joseph County Public Library	512,286	1,064,862	953,234	3,722	2,534,104	13,853,932	18.3%
St. Joseph Airport	77,232	167,339	119,827	720	365,118	2,531,480	14.4%
South Bend Public Transportation	236,023	515,363	378,364	1,274	1,131,023	3,820,374	29.6%
South Bend Redevelopment Commission	0	0	0	350	350	1,399,807	0.0%
St. Joseph Solid Waste Management Dist	0	0	0	0			
Mishawaka Redevelopment Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0	
South Bend Redevelopement Commission	0	0	0	0	0 1,014,675	0 3,502,195	20.00/
TIF - SB So #1 Centre (2) TIF - SB So #3 Centre (2)	38,808 0	42,545 0	933,322 535,732	0	535,732	1,855,202	29.0% 28.9%
TIF - SB NE Clay (4)	0	0	8,027	0	8,027	27,664	29.0%
TIF - Douglas Road EDA (4)	0	1,692	130,871	0	132,563	454,646	29.2%
TIF - Mi North Clay (5)	93	414,064	1,332,530	0	1,746,688	15,626,448	11.2%
TIF - Airport SB German (9)	29,076	423,816	3,705,485	1,846	4,160,223	14,602,551	28.5%
TIF - Walkerton Comm EDA (15)	0	0	0	0	0	122,497	0.0%
TIF - SJC Wyatt EDA#1 (16)	0	0	0	0	0	84,434	0.0%
TIF - SJC EDD #2 Olive Twp (17)	0	0	0	143	143	1,056,204	0.0%
TIF - SJC EDD #2 New Carlisle (18)	0	62	0	0	62	150,881	0.0%
TIF - Mi North PHM (22)	12,158	219,435	113,103	0	344,696	2,646,661	13.0%
TIF - Mi South PHM Schools (22)	40,592		33,551	200	92,110	893,422	10.3%
TIF - Mis Control Downtown (22)	0		2,996	0	5,883	59,011	10.0%
TIF - Mi Central Downtown (23)	0	21 261		1 942	22 900	194 222	40.40/
TIF - Mi South Mi Schools (23) TIF - Mi North Mi Schools NW (23)	267 1,815	31,361 20,829	339 3,353	1,842 31	33,809 26,028	184,233 295,496	18.4% 8.8%
TIF - Mish No Mish Schools NW Exp (23)	1,615	20,829	0	0	26,028	295,496	0.0%
TIF - SB Central Alloc Area (26)	3,838		1,333,498	0	1,734,204	5,495,916	31.6%
TIF - SB West Washington (26)	7,259		135,306	0	325,261	910,158	35.7%
TIF - Airport SB Portage (26)	33,580		932,377	126	1,912,149	5,686,186	33.6%
TIF - SB Med Ser Dist (26)	2,548	75,268	848,515	0	926,332	3,055,057	30.3%

		Circuit Breake					
		(2%)	(3%)				Circuit
	(1%)	Other Residential	All Other				Breaker as %
Taxing Unit Name	Homesteads	and Farmland	Real/Personal	Elderly	Total	Levy	of Levy
Non-TIF Total	10,817,301	23,269,560	17,699,988	84,586	51,871,435	290,447,916	17.9%
TIF Total	240,265	5,183,783	11,362,519	4,309	16,790,876	72,130,858	23.3%
County Total	11,057,565	28,453,343	29,062,507	88,895	68,662,311	362,578,774	18.9%
TIF - SB So #1 Portage (26)	2,433	42,957	26,545	6	71,942	203,003	35.4%
TIF - SB NE Portage (26)	30,588	365,422	200,460	113	596,582	1,729,803	34.5%
TIF - SB NE Portage Housing (26)	14,053	1,061,562	577,935	0	1,653,550	4,261,127	38.8%
TIF - Lakeville EDA (28)	0	600	0	0	600	11,070	5.4%
TIF - Sjc EDA#3 Penn Twp (31)	0	0	0	0	0	2,665,507	0.0%
TIF - Mi North Harris (36)	23,156	937,882	97,849	4	1,058,891	5,081,423	20.8%
TIF - Airport SB Warren (37)	0	0	410,726	0	410,726	1,470,063	27.9%

Notes: Circuit breaker tax cap credits are tax savings for taxpayers and revenue losses for local government units. Circuit breaker credits are highest in tax districts with the highest tax rates. These are usually districts that include cities or towns because the municipal tax rate is included in the district tax rate. This means that most circuit breaker credits are in cities and towns and in units that overlap cities and towns.

Circuit Breaker Credit Types:

Homesteads are owner-occupied primary residences and include homestead land and buildings in the 1% tax cap category. Owner-occupied mobile homes and agricultural homesteads are included in this category. This category only includes credits on the portion of the property that qualifies as a homestead.

Other Residential/Farmland includes small rental housing units, larger commercial apartments, second homes, long-term care facilities, and farmland, in the 2% tax cap category.

All Other Real/Personal is commercial, industrial, and utility land and buildings, and business equipment, including agricultural equipment, in the 3% tax cap category. This category also includes credits on the portion of homeowner properties that do not qualify as a homestead.

Elderly includes credits for the 2% annual limit on homestead tax bill increases for low-income homeowners, age 65 and over. The *Total Levy by Unit* is gross property taxes levied, before all tax credits. For TIF districts, this amount represents the TIF proceeds before circuit breaker credits. This information is included to allow comparison to the circuit breaker revenue losses.

Numbers may not total due to rounding.